

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LEVELS 5 and 6? Term 4 2016

Welcome back to a very busy fourth term.

The calendar is filling fast with lots of exciting activities planned for the students. Please keep this newsletter in a safe place for future reference.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tues Oct 25	Chess Tournament State Semi Final
Wed Oct 26	Community Family Life night 5pm - 9.30pm
Thurs Oct 27	Oktoberfest
Tues Nov 1	Melbourne Cup Day
Thurs Nov 3	Count Us In - Whole School Sing Along
Tues Nov 8	Family Life (Level 6)
Thurs Nov 9	German Excursion (Level 6)
Fri Nov 11	House Sports day
Tues Nov 15	Family Life (Level 6)
Fri Nov 18	House Sports Back Up day
Sun Nov 20	First Lego League Competition at Swinburne Uni
Tues Nov 22	Family Life (Level 6)
Thurs Nov 24	Whole School Cyber Safety Presentations
Fri Nov 25	School Disco
Tues Nov 29	Level 6 Transit Talk Whitehorse Council
Thurs Dec 1	Bike Ed ride
Fri Dec 2	Bike Ed ride back up day
Tues Dec 6	Transition Day (Level 6)
Wed Dec 7	Carols night
Tues Dec 13	Graduation evening (Level 6)
Thurs Dec 15	Professor Maths Incursion (Level 5) Etihad Excursion (Level 6)
Mon Dec 19	End of year excursion
Tues Dec 20	Last day of school year 1.30pm dismissal

REMINDERS:

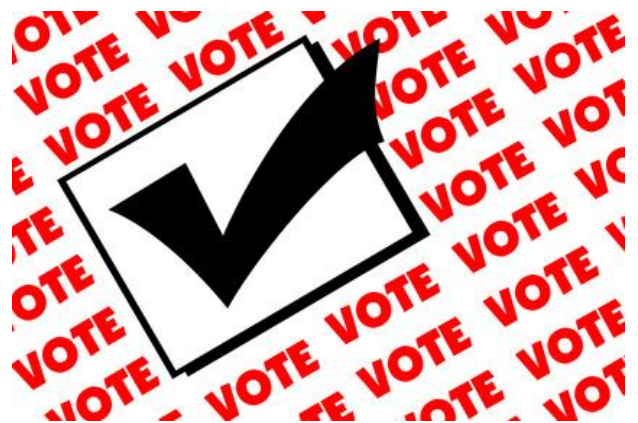
* Students are expected to wear correct school uniform, including their school hats each day.

* Please send a note to school or alternatively phone the school office if your child is absent for any reason.

* If you have any concerns or questions this term please make an appointment to arrange a mutually agreeable time to meet with your child's teacher as soon as possible.

INTEGRATED TOPICS

In term 4, students will be exploring our Democracy unit, 'Australia as a Nation'. Students will learn about democracy, the three levels of government and how laws are made in Australia. Our Science topic is 'It's Electrifying'. Students will learn about electrical energy and the use of batteries.



PROFESSOR MATHS



We are pleased to have organised an exciting visit from The Professor Maths Road Show to our school on Thursday December 15.

Professor Maths will bring a large range of fun maths activities for students to rotate their way through in small groups. All the activities are exciting, stimulating and "hands on". We believe this is a great opportunity for students to engage in maths activities applying a variety of skills, being beneficial for student learning.



BIKE EDUCATION

Bike Ed is on again in levels 5 & 6 and students are excited to get things rolling. We are very fortunate to have the assistance of Donna Marshall to help with all classes each Wednesday. Donna is an experienced cyclist and her expert knowledge and skills will be invaluable.

Every Wednesday, classes will be learning new skills and techniques. These will be practised on the lower grassphalt. Level 6 and 5M students will be storing their bikes in the outside areas beside the library and in the bike shed. 5E and 5W students will be storing their bikes in the outside area next to the staffroom. Students are aware that they are not to play in these spaces at recess and lunch.

Students will learn how to become competent and safe bike riders through a range of lessons that concentrate on how they use their bike, what things they need to watch out for and how to react in an emergency. They will also develop skills for riding in groups which will help tremendously for the end of term bike ride. This year we have organised a backup day too. So if the weather is inclement, we will still have another chance to complete this amazing ride.

It would be great if you could follow up with your child about what they have learned in Bike Ed each week and support their learning by putting their skills into practice at home.

From the Level 5 and 6 Team